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The Governor's Proposed State Budget

Last year we drew the governor toward us and away from the budget he proposed, especially in the areas of borrowing, the deficit, education, transportation and seniors.

This year the governor is starting close to where we drew him to last year. As we consider the Governor's proposed budget through the process of public hearings, we'll be looking at allocation of Proposition 98 funds, as well as funding for CALWorks, Healthy Kids, MediCal, cost-of-living increases for disabled seniors, and the academic preparation program for university students. And we'll be looking for ways to reduce the state budget structural deficit in future years.

To listen to John on KUSP radio re: the governor's proposed budget, [click here](#).

For more about the governor's proposed budget, [click here for the annual Assembly Budget Committee "Highlights" document](#).

For more about the state budget, [click here](#).

Press Release: John Laird Named by Assembly Speaker Nunez to Infrastructure Bond Conference Committee

Laird Joins Six-person Bi-partisan Team Charged with Crafting Ballot Proposition

SACRAMENTO – Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez (D-Los Angeles) today named Assemblymember John Laird (D-Santa Cruz) to a conference committee that will work out differences between Assembly and Senate infrastructure bond bills that are based on infrastructure bond proposals from the Assembly, Senate and Governor.

"Creating the conference committee fast-tracks putting a workable infrastructure bond measure on the ballot that is agreeable to all of us," Speaker Núñez said.

"Assembly Members Laird, Chu and Keene will work to ensure all proposals are properly and fully vetted before they go on the ballot and in front of the voters."

John in the District

1/21 Reproductive Rights Breakfast, Santa Cruz

1/21 NAACP Martin Luther King, Jr. Dinner, Santa Cruz

1/21 Santa Cruz Sentinel 150th Anniversary Dinner, Santa Cruz

1/28 Predatory Lending Town Hall Meeting, Salinas

1/28 Salute Morgan Hill Awards, Morgan Hill

2/3 BAR Association Annual Dinner, Santa Cruz

2/24 Cypress Grove High School "Political Science Day," Seaside

John on the Radio—Spring 2006 Schedule

KSCO/1080-AM
Mondays, 8:10am

KAZU/90.3-FM
Tuesdays, 6:59pm

KUSP/88.9-FM
Wednesdays, 10:55am

The Speaker continued: "We feel very good about the prospects of success. The conference committee will put everything on the table. The Governor's plan is ambitious. We want to make sure we do this right."

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Recent Op-Eds by John

"Governor Schwarzenegger: Learning Lessons," Monterey Herald. [Click here.](#)

"Take a Trip to the State Archives," The Good Times newsweekly. [Click here.](#)

"The State of AIDS Funding," Bay Area Reporter. [Click here.](#)

"Top Ten 2005 Moments Representing the Monterey Bay Area," Monterey County Weekly. [Click here.](#)

Accolades for John

John has most recently been recognized by the Children's Advocacy Institute, the California Conference of Local AIDS Directors, Planned Parenthood and The Applied Research Center. For details and a complete list, visit <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a27/awards.htm>

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